



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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County Committee

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County Committee Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, Meetings are held at 1:30 pm.

Acreage Reporting

Please **call now** to schedule an appointment to report the crops you have planted. **The deadline is July 15, 2010.** We would like to take reports earlier this year to try to beat the mad rush in July. So, if you have finished planting or will shortly, please schedule as soon as possible. Acreage reporting is required for NAP, CRP, CREP, SAFE, SURE, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP and ACRE programs and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise. The minimum fee for late-filing an acreage report is \$46 per farm number, so don't delay!



Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities. **New Change: After the stored commodity has been marketed, the facility may, with prior approval, be used to temporarily store equipment and other agricultural items until the next harvest season.** For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

The current interest rates for June are 3.00% for a 7 year loan (under \$100K); 3.625 for a 10 year loan (\$100K to \$250K); 3.875% for a 12 year loan (\$250K to \$500K)

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Reminder: Sign up for 2008 SURE continues. SURE is the new program that replaces the old crop disaster programs. SURE is available to farms in Salem and Gloucester Counties that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2008** crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm or participated in the Buy-in waiver process. The SURE application must include all crops on the farm that had insurance coverage and that are of economic significance (5% or more of total farm revenue). Please call for an appointment or for more information.

FSA County Committee Elections

Reminder: The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 consists of Pennsville, Mannington, Elsinboro, LAC, Quinton and Salem City. The farmer-elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help other producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs. The Farm Service Agency is now accepting nominating petitions until **August 2, 2010**. You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Please call the office for a nomination form.

Dates to Remember

June 15, 2010—Final day to mail your Adjusted Gross Income spot check forms to IRS

July 6, 2010—TAP deadline—see below

July 15, 2010—Final date to submit production records for NAP

July 15, 2010—Final day to report crop acreage

August 2, 2010—Final date to purchase 2010 NAP insurance on Strawberries

August 2, 2010—Final date to submit nomination petitions for FSA county committee

Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans, SURE

IRS Mailing reminder— If you receive yearly payments from us, you received a mailing with forms to be sent directly to the IRS. Please mail these forms by **June 15th** so you remain eligible for future payments. Please give us a call with any questions or if you need additional forms.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Reminder: please submit your **2009** crop production records by **July 15, 2010**, if you have not done so already. If not, your NAP coverage will be reduced. Also, when reporting your 2010 crop acreage, please review your acreage reports carefully. If your reported acreage is off by more than 15%, plus or minus, you will be **ineligible** for NAP benefits. Paid for measurement service is available. Please call if you have any questions.

Also, if you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss **within 15 calendar days** after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest or is hand picked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.**



Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

USDA is pleased to announce that growers whose trees, bushes or vines were lost in natural disasters can apply for assistance to replant under TAP. TAP provides payments to commercial orchardists to help offset costs associated with replanting or rehabilitating eligible trees, bushes, and vines that were lost or damaged due to natural disasters.

The 2008 Farm Bill extended TAP to include nursery tree growers who produce nursery, ornamental, fruit, nut, or Christmas trees for commercial sale. To be eligible for TAP payments, tree, bush, or vine mortality losses must exceed **18 %**—(15% plus a 3% adjustment for normal mortality). In addition, TAP growers must satisfy the risk management purchase requirement by obtaining crop insurance or NAP coverage for all their crops on their whole farm. Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

To be eligible for TAP assistance, the tree, bush or vine losses must have occurred between January 1, 2008, and September 30, 2011, due to natural disaster, including losses due to plant diseases, insect infestation, drought, fire, freeze, flood, earthquake and lightning. Growers who qualify for TAP payments will receive 70 percent of the cost to replace trees, bushes, and vines, and 50 percent of other costs including removing, pruning, or salvaging damaged trees, bushes, and vines, or preparing land to plant new ones. Trees, bushes, and vines may be replanted on a field that is not the field where the losses originally occurred. Also, replanted trees, bushes, and vines may be different than those damaged as long as they have the same general end use, as determined by FSA.

To apply for TAP losses that occurred prior to May 8, 2010 (including 2008 and 2009), a grower must sign up at their local FSA office no later than July 6, 2010 and provide supporting documentation of losses. For losses that occur after May 7, 2010, growers must provide an application for payment and supporting documentation to their local FSA office within 90 calendar days from the later of the disaster event or date when the loss of trees, bushes or vines is apparent to the grower.